(2) (a) Re. 0—8—0 per day for each member.

(b) The number of persons who occupied the building during each of the four years is not readily available. The total collection of rent up to the end of 1110 is Rs. 168—4—0. The collection in 1111 is Rs. 4.

3. Yes; State Guests were accommodated in the building on several occasions. It is not possible to give the correct information regarding the number of occasions and the days of such halts as no special records were kept for these.

4. There was a proposal to acquire the property but the matter was dropped.

Construction of Town halls in Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri.

359. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to build Town Halls in Trichur, Ernakulam and Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Government have decided to build Town Halls in Trichur and Ernakulam in memory of the Silver Jubilee of His late Majesty.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—May I know what meritorious services have been rendered by the people of Trichur and Ernakulam to get a Town Hall each and not Mattancheri also?

Mr. President.—Because they are not as rich as people in Mattancheri, who can afford to have a Town Hall of their own. (Laughter)

Designs submitted for the Town Hall at Ernakulam.

360. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) are the Government aware that competitive designs for a Town Hall and Library were called for during the Diwanship of Sir Banerji and prizes were awarded for approved designs;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place those designs on the table and to state whether there is any objection to any of these designs being adopted for the new Town Hall?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The available designs are placed on the table. They cannot be adopted for the new Town Hall as none of them was completely approved.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Is it not a fact that one of those who sent a plan was rewarded by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Is it because it was approved of or not approved of by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was highly commended.

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